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Reports

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

FROM : S. D. Breckinridge

SUBJECT : 1977 CIA Task Force Report on Book V,
SSC Final Report (Church Committee)

1. In 1976, the Church Committee issued Book V of its series of final reports, with the title The Investigation of the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy: Performance of the Intelligence Agencies. In essence, it attempted to develop a case showing both derelictions and possibly suppression of evidence, by the intelligence agencies during the Warren Commission inquiry.

2. In the fall of 1976 an Agency task force was formed under the chairmanship of the undersigned, undertaking to do a detailed review of Agency records that may bear on the issues treated in Book V of the Church Committee report. A copy of the final result of that is attached.

3. The HSCA has seen the Task Force report, both in sanitized and unsanitized form. At least some of its statements are likely to appear in selected form in the final report of the HSCA. Neither one of our oversight committees (SSCI or HPSCI) has seen the report in any form (unsanitized or sanitized).

4. Given the critical approach, we have come to expect from HSCA, it may be worth considering at this time releasing a copy of the sanitized report to the two oversight committees in order for them to have some understanding of some of the issues that are to be expected in the period ahead.

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